Docket No.: 50023-206 PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Shizuka SAKAMOTO, et al.

Serial No.: 10/617,686

Filed: July 11, 2003

: Customer Number: 20277

Confirmation Number: 4133

Group Art Unit: 3676

Examiner: Unassigned

For: MEMORY CARD READING/WRITING APPARATUS, ACCESS METHOD, PROGRAM AND

STORAGE MEDIUM THEREOF

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	18	34	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	4	4	0	\$86.00 =	\$0.00
		Multiple claims newly presented			\$0.00
		Fee for extension of time			\$0.00
					\$0.00
		Total of Above Calculations			\$0.00

Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>500417</u> in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.